Firemen Helpless to Combat Blaze on 60-Acre Estate in **Drexel Hill**

DREXEL HOME

BUILT FOR QUEEN OF SPAIN

FIRE DESTROYS OLD

Fire destroyed the old Anthony J. Drexel mansion on Garrett road, west of Lansdowne avenue, Drexel Hill, last night. Nothing is left today excepting the blackened wall of the great dwelling of sixty rooms.

Within the wrecked walls, fire was still burning today. The loss is \$100,-The old Drexel house was a noted

landmark and a place that was full of reminders of Philadelphia history.

It was built about forty years ago for Queen Isabella of Spain, driven out by her subjects, when she thought of seek-ing shelter in America. The queen never occupied the spacious house, and after a time it was sold to Anthony J. Drexel, banker, and leader in sports. Until 1893 it was the scene of end-less social gatherings. Then the Drexel family moved from the house and it was for a long thm vacant. Of late years the grounds—a park of sixty acres—have been used by students of the Drexel Institute for sports. The building has been occu-It was built about forty years ago for

sports. The building has been occupied as a clubhouse.

Last summer the Boy Scouts camped and drilled in the park around the

Eve months ago Harry W. Koch, a Five months ago Harry W. Koch, a real estate man, bought the house from the Drexel estate. He put men at work remodeling the building into a three-apartment house. He had spent about \$22,600 upon this work, he said today.

t is believed that one of the work-a left a lighted gas torch in one of rooms and in this way started the

blaze. Some of the rooms were finished in oak, some in wahut and some in ma-hogany. The roof was of solid brass. This great mass of metal fell to the cellar during the fire, carrying with it all of the floors of the house. The fire started about 10 o'clock. I The combination chemical engine and bose truck of the Highland Park Fire Company was overturned on Garrett road, near Naylor's run, on the way to the fire. Half-a-dozen firemen were thrown to the ground. They sustained a few minor bruises.

FIRE IN LAWYER'S HOME

Extinguisher Puts Out Blaze In W. M. Montgomery Residence

The prompt use of a fire extinguisher rine prompt use of a bre extinguisher this morning by William Morgan Mont-gomery, a lawyer of this city, residing at 410 West Walnut lane, Germantown, probably saved his home from destruc-tion. The damage amounted to \$300. Mr. Montgomery and his family re-tired about 11 o'clock last night, leaving a four 11 o clock list high, leav-ing a fire burning in the grate in the sitting room. About 5 o'clock this borning a maid awakened to find the house filled with smoke. She imme-diately awakened Mr, and Mrs. Mont-gomery and the two children, James and Lillas.

Mr. Montgomery seized a fire ex-inguisher and ran to the cellar, while the smoke was coming, while his wife telephoned for the fire engines.

telephoned for the fire engines. When Engine Company No. 19, of Chelten avenue, near Germantown ave-nue, arrived, they found the fire under

Mr. Montgomery believes the fire was caused by sparks falling behind a loosened plate in the grate and igniting joinst immediately underneath. He is the attorney for Ralph T. Moyer¶ acier of the North Fenn Bank.

JANITOR SMOKES but Most Drifts Removed FEACHER RESIGN Condition 81 highways this morning as reported by the United States Weather Bureau co-operating with the State Highway Department: Lincoln Highway (Morristown to Principal of Hamilton Public Chambersburg), snow three to six inches deep; some drifts, but roads School Objects to Man Puffhave been cleared where necessary. William Penn Highway (Easton ing at Pipe in Schoolyard

to Chambersburg), four or six inches of snow; roads cleared where drifts MAN PLACED ON PROBATION accumulated. Philadelphia and Reading pike,

three to four inches of snow ; roads Lancaster and Harrisburg pike, ame as Philadelphia and Reading

Snow Covers Highways,

pike Tomorrow: No thawing in prospect before Sunday afternoon. Light to moder-ate winds probable.

New York

pal of Hallowell Public School, Twen ty-third and Pine streets, to relinquish TWO HELD IN LARCENY CASE

One resignation which she sent to the property committee of the Board of Education has not as yet been acted upon and it was learned today that Miss Weidler will send another. One Belleved to Be a Fugitive From

Janitor on Probation

the principal has resigned.

The janitor smoked in the yard, se

It was this alleged habit on the par

of the janitor, Thomas Welsh, that

caused Miss Sara A. Weidler, princi-

Januar on Probation Superintendent of Schools Garber said today that the janitor has been re-tained on probation, with the under-standing that he give Miss Weidler no further trouble. When the opportunity comes, said Dr. Garber, Welsh will be transferred to another school.

transferred to another school. "Two meetings have been held by the property committee to consider the mat-ter," Dr. Garber explained. "I do not think it is wise for Miss Weidler to send out a second letter under present circumstances. The whole thing now turns on whether Miss Weidler is will-ing to accent the invite", another any turns on whether Miss Weidler is will-ing to accept the janitor's apology and give him another chance. This is a disciplinary case, and unless there is some further development making it necessary to reopen it. I shall not give out the details of the charges." Welsh, according to Miss Weidler, besides smoking, violated every rule laid down for the guidance of janiters. The principal merely wanted the committee to remove Welsh to another school, but the committee refused to act.

GIFT FOR DIRECTOR WILSON

Only Bureau Chlefs Have Been Asked to Contribute

It will be "Santa Claus as usual" this year in the office of Director Wil-son, of the Department of Public Safety. Harry Davis, assistant director, is "passing the hat" among the bureau chiefs to pay for the director's pres-ent. Says He Boasted of Pull

Though Director Wilson is going to get "something handsome," there is said to be this difference in his office from some of the others where employes have been complaining about the size of their Christmas gift aggessments... nobody under the rank of a bureau chief has been maked to contribute. The small-sularied men are exempt. salaried men are exempt.

Elkton Marriage Licenses

Elkton Marriage Licenses Elkton, Md., Dec. 02.—The following marriage licenses were granted here to-day: William Hutton, Jr., and Jennie Kelm, Robert M. Gibb and Lillian M. Roberts, H. Ernest Harting and Ger-trude Baer, and Albert Barracloug and Viola Fisher, Philadelphia; George J. Fey and Lesh Banks, Washington; Robert J. Wilhelm and Edna S. Sea-man, Harrisburg; Charles Kleingern, Wilmington, and May Beidell, New York; George E. Neal, and Lauetta W. Ringgold, Millington, Md.; Guy Mont-gomery and Bertha Davis. Cape May; George W. Graham and Cora E. Rowe, Denton, Md.; William G. Phillips and Clara Turner, Mt Holly; George E. Creswell and Laura J. Craig, Earle-ville, Md.; James Hamill, Providence, R. I.; and Christian Calson, Wake-field, Mass; Walter Devine and Sadie Houck, New Holland. Pa.; Paul H. Reeves and Regina Trusdean, Camden; Freeman E., Howard and Mary J. Emory, Earleville, Md., and Mary J. Emory, Earleville, Md., and Mary J. Emory, Earleville, Md., and Millard F. Wall, Philadelphia and Gladys L. Sharp, Camden.

Sharp, Camden.

Attitudes of Three Sides in Dispute Over Janitor

> "He smoked in the yard and violated every rule for the guidance of janitors."-Miss Sara A. Weldler, principal of Hallowell School. of janitors.'

"I'm not saying a word,"-Thomas Welsh, janitor of Hallowell School "We cannot allow a teacher dictate to the Board of Education as to where it shall place its employes,"-Thomas W. Shallcross, chairman of

Awaits Approval

the property committee, Board of Education.

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1919

MAYOR GETS "JUNKET" BILL \$3000 Banquet for Retiring Councils

The Saturday before Christmas is a

The \$3000 appropriation for a \$15 a-plate banquet to retiring councilmen will reach Mayor Smith's desk Mon-

And the national carnival day. And the national slogan is "What shall I get for Annie and Sallie and John and Dad and Mom?" Chestnut and Market streets are crowded with jostling men, women and children. They all suffer the anxiety of wondering what they are soing to huy day. The Mayor declines to commit himself as to what he will do. The banquet has been branded a "junket" by officials familiar with the "junket" by officials familiar with the empty condition of the city treasury. All thataremains to make the expandi-ture legal is the signature of the Mayor. This even is not necessary, as should Mayor Smith decide to keep "hands off" the bill will automatically become a law long before December 30, the date set for the "big feed." Should Mayor Smith veto the appro-priation Councils next Tuesday could get the necessary three-fifths vote to pass the bill over the veto.

ermine. In the streets the snow is not so white. In places it is decidedly slushy but that only makes precarious navigat-ing to and from the department stores

leged Affectionate Robber

Returnable Monday

Miss Marie Donohue, 2000 North Eighteenth street, who identified a man accused of holding up the store in which

accused of notaing up the store in which she worked, by giving him a resounding whack across the check, appeared against the man in the Central Station today. He is Morris Hutchinson, 2355 Carlisle street, and was held by Mag-istrate Mecleary without bail for court. On March 22, according to the po-lice, Hutchinson held up and robbed a greatery store at Eighteenth and Hunt

lice, Hutchinson held-up and robbed a grocery store at Eighteenth and Hunt-ingdon streets in which Miss Donohue is cashier. She identified him as the robber who took \$300 from the cash register and tried to make her give him a kiss in the bargain. George B. Garver, of 715 North Roosevelt boulevard, appeared at the hearing and identified Hutchinson as the man who held him up and robbed him of money and iewelry on November 11. Finding that her appeal was in vain. Miss Weidler said that Welsh had poli-

tical backing. She also said that she may divulge some very important in-formation later. Welsh, according to the principal, boasted of his political pull. The janitor declared that he did not

ask any one to speak for him when his removal was asked. He said the man who helped him get the position might have spoken to some of the committee

about it. "Who is this man?" Welsh was asked. The janitor declined to answer. "Welsh is a good janitor," said

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"Welsh is a good janitar," said
Thomas Shallcross, a member of the board, when questioned on the matter,
"and has been at the Hallowell School for several years. I understand that he apologized to Miss Weidler. If she wants to resign then she may, We cannot allow a teacher to dictate to the Board of Education. If she says
There is politics in the matter, Miss Weidler is entirely mistaken."
Incidentally, an anti-smoking cam-paign is on at the Hallowell School.
Miss Weidler has taken a prominent part in the crusade against smoking. She has been impressing her views on the minds of the pupils. And when the boys went out in the yard—there was the janitor with a pipe in his mouth fully loaded and going at high speed.

CITY'S MORTALITY JUMPS

Death List of 478, Above Last Arrives From Vermont in Car o Week's Report

MR. G. FOX IN CITY

Christmas Trees Mr. Gray Fox arrived here this morn-ing from Vermont. He appeared in the freight yards of the Reading Railway, at Nineteenth street and Indiana ave-

In the yard are 150 cars from which

Christmas trees are being unloaded. One car was consigned to Harvey Slinluff, 2036 West Susquehanna avenue. This car was being unloaded when the fox

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dashed out. Nearly a hundred men gave chase, but Reynard outclassed them and got

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS SWARM TO STORES Last Saturday Before Christ-

mas Brings Out Thousands on Market and Chestnut Streets

SNOW ADDS TO SCENES

'Tis Saturday 'fore Christmas And all over town Eager people are doing Late shopping up brown

kind of national carnival day.

APPEARS AGAINST "KISSER"

more interesting. The green of holly and berry red hangs in all the brilliantly lighted shop windows. Toys of a variety that beg-Grocery Cashler Again Identifies Al-

hangs in all the brilliantly lighted shop windows. Toys of a variety that beg-gars the imagination, men on sticks, hobby horses, airplanes, sleds, boats, cannon and the rest, built the eves of the thousands of eager children to the windows. And the furs and the dresses and neat boats draw the women. Men are forced to the windows by the other two classes of grown, un and little peotwo classes of grown-up and little peo-ple without whom Christmas could never be.

Here and there a Santa Claus with a scraggly beard and trousers peeping from under his vermillion coat stands beside chimney of wood and paper into which folk toss pennies and rusty but

which four toss pennies and tusy bur-tons. It is confusing to children that there are so many Santa Clauses who have no boots, and who keep dancing and flapping their arms around to keep warm, and who are always ringing bells. A Salvation Army lass stands in the shelter of a doorway beside her cauldron and tinkles her bell. And the people hurry by. Fathers with a flock of children, fathers with an armful of bundles, mothers with worried of money and jewelry on November 11.

FORCE DANSEY HEARING Court Grants Habeas Corpus Writ

with a note of children, tathers with an armful of bundles, mothers with worried wrinkles in their brows and eleventh hour haste inspiring their tired feet and antomobiles with the wealthy in their furs are all in the procession.

ALBERT DeUNGER DIES

Camden City Prosecutor Was Former Navel Officer

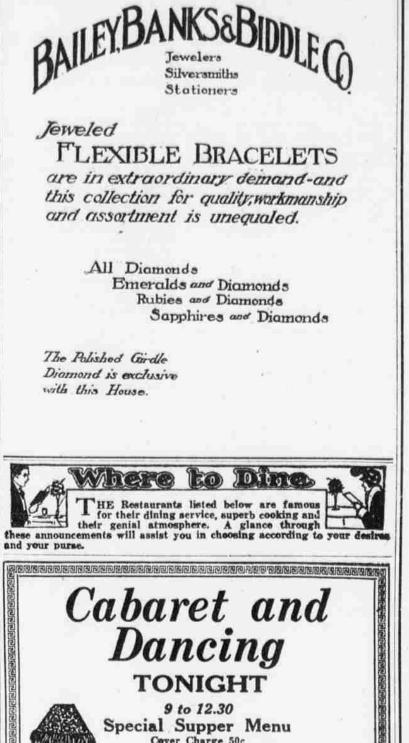
Albert De Unger, for the last four Albert De Unger, for the last four years Camden city prosecutor, died at his home, Haddon avenue and Spruce street, early this morning, from a com-pication of diseases. He was forty-five years oid, and had been ill for the last week. He had served three terms in the assembly, and three terms in Cam-den city council

den city council. During the Spanish-American War he served as a lieutenant in the navy, and later as a commander in the naval reserve. He is survived by his wife Viola. No arrangements for the funeral have here made. have been made

MAKES BEQUEST TO HOME Will of James Lee, With Others

Probated Today

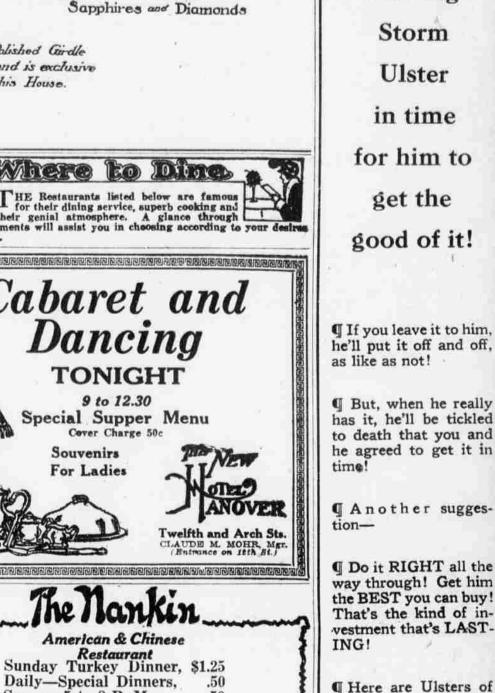
The major portion of the \$6000 es-tate left by James Lec. 11 North Horton street, is bequeathed by his will, pro-bated today, to St. Vincent's Home. Other wills probated were those of Charles J. Randolph, 457 Roosevelt boulevard, \$15,000; Charles Pubanz, 1250 South Twenty-eighth street, \$11,-950, and Henry N. Bentley, 107 Rochelle avenue, \$11,000.



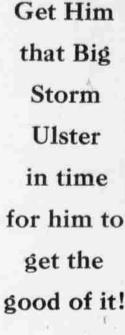
Supper, 5 to 8 P. M.,

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CHRISTMAS DINNER Served 11 A.M. to 8 P. M., \$1.50



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